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| UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL <small>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))</small> | Attorney Docket No. 2102-4389US | |
| | First Inventor | Racz et al. |
| | Title | SAFETY SPINAL CATHETER |
| | Express Mail Label No. | EV325784497US |

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| Filing Date | October 27, 2003 |
| First Named Inventor | Racz et al. |
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| | Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| Total Claims | 26 | -20 ** = 6 | X 9 = | 54 |
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| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 86 | 2201 | 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 290 | 2203 | 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 | 86 | 2204 | 43 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
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